

ISST 2-26-2004 Call Summary

Team members present (P) and not present (NP):

(P) Brad Colman (team leader) – WFO Seattle
(P) Peter Manousos (backup team leader) – NCEP/HPC
(P) Dan Baumgardt – WFO LaCrosse
(P) Mark Jackson – WFO Salt Lake City
(P) Steve Keighton – WFO Blacksburg
(P) Andy Patrick – WFO Corpus Christi
(P) Eric Stevens – WFO Fairbanks
(P) Bill Ward – PRHQ
(P) Kevin Schrab (facilitator) – OST/PPD/PMB

DGEX update

Background

Background information on DGEX can be found at:

http://www.nws.noaa.gov/ost/ifps_sst/DGEX.html

Discussion

The DGEX evaluation will take place from March 15, 2004 to April 15, 2004. A coordination call between the ISST, participating WFOs, and Regions will take place during the week of March 8, 2004. A “readiness” assessment call with ISST, OCWWS, OST, OCIO, NCEP will also take place during the week of March 8, 2004. There was discussion about the subjective evaluation during DGEX. The ISST will draft a short subjective assessment form that will be briefed to the participating WFOs and Regions during the above mentioned coordination call. An objective analysis will be performed by NCEP/EMC.

Discuss “Upcoming Model Data Additions to the SBN” slide set

Background

The ISST has been compiling information on model data that will help in the grid editing process.

Discussion

The final slide set is now available at:

http://www.nws.noaa.gov/ost/ifps_sst/model_SBN.html

Verification Plan

Background

The team received an updated briefing package from Mark Jackson and Andy Patrick.

Discussion

Numerous good comments on the briefing package were made. There will be one more round of review. The package will be briefed to Jack Hayes on March 5, 2004. The team will then focus on drafting a short verification position paper. This paper will feed into the new Digital Services Project Office (DSPO) Verification Action Team.

ISST Forum

Background

The Forum conference call will take place on March 4, 2004 at 2pm EST.

Discussion

The team will send out a reminder email with a short slide set on March 2, 2004. Got agenda suggestions from one person via the Forum call announcement. The call will consist of a quick briefing on recent ISST activities and an open forum for all on the call.

Round Robin

Background

Team members' turn to bring up issues.

Discussion

Bill Ward mentioned that Pacific Region is finishing up their IFPS ORD/IOC plans. In his new role as Scientific Services Meteorologist for Pacific Region, Bill Ward will also be the ISST's contact on the Technology Steering Team.

Eric Stevens mentioned that Alaska Region IFPS ORD is scheduled for March 15, 2004 to April 14, 2004.